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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were unchanged. In Boston, prices were lower on all sizes. In Jackson and Atlanta, prices were higher on the larger sizes but lower on mediums. In the Midwest and California, prices were higher on the heavy weights and unchanged the remainder. Elsewhere, prices were lower on mediums and unchanged on the balance. The trade sentiment on white eggs ranged mostly barely steady to weak on mediums, but fully steady to firm on the heavier weights. The market tone for brown eggs was unsettled. Demand was light to instances good, best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were adequate to ample in the East and adequate to in close balance in other regions. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to instances short for the fair to moderate demand. Light type fowl were usually sufficient for slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged in New England and unchanged to sharply lower in Boston. In Philadelphia medium prices were 2 cents lower and unchanged on balance. The market tone was unsettled on brown eggs. On white eggs, the market tone was steady on heavier weights and barely steady to weak on balance. Supplies were adequate to ample for current requirements. Demand was light to moderate. Breaking stock demand was fair for generally adequate offerings. Light type hens were usually sufficient for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were lower on mediums and unchanged on balance. The market tone continued steady on larger sizes, although was barely steady to weak on medium. Demand was light entering the week. Supplies were adequate to available at current price levels.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to instances good, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies on all sizes adequate to in close balance.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged with prices in the remaining locations 2 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on the lighter weights. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Cartoned egg movement was light to moderate. Loose egg demand was generally moderate. Supplies were mostly adequate to instances ample for the lighter weights. Central States nest run breaking stock prices and checks and undergrades were unchanged. Offerings were about adequate to instances short of needs with demand mostly moderate. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta, prices were higher on the larger sizes but lower on medium eggs. In Florida, prices were lower on mediums and unchanged on the balance. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending February 16, 2001 was 70.5 cents, 1.68 cents more than the week before, but 10.27 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were adequate and demand for additional product was only fair. Light type hens were about adequate to adequate for slaughter schedules.

WESTERN Prices 3 cents higher in California and 2 cents higher in the Northwest on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 6% higher than last week with California down 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 17%. Retailer demand good. Offerings held confidently.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	106-108	95-97	79-81
New York	73-75	70-73	62-65
Philadelphia	71-73	69-71	61-64
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	65-66	63.5-65	57-58
Jackson (1)	73-74	72-73	66-67
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	78-93	77-91	61-75
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	65-70	64-69	55-60
Detroit (2)	62-65	61-63	51-54
Major Ohio Cities (2)	63-69	62-67	52-58
Major Wisconsin Cities	66-73	64-71	55-62
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	86-90	83-85	67-70
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	106	98	87
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 3 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 1% lower than last week. Retailer demand good. Offerings light and held confidently. Small invoice price 67. Ads in Northern California: major-large dozen 119, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	119
EXTRA LARGE	106
LARGE	98
MEDIUM	87
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	219-249
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	189-229
MEDIUM	187-189	MEDIUM	149-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 23, 2001 will increase by 7 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 16, 2001 were 257,654 cases which was 7 percent above the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	224,727	32,927	257,654
% change from the prior week.....	+10	-9	+7

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 16 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were about adequate to instances short of current needs with demand mostly moderate. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate at this call. Schedules part-time to full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	40-43	42-43
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	24-27	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLTR
WEEK OF 19-FEB-01

	CENTS/LB RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10	7-9	8.14

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were about adequate to ample as processing schedules were normal to less than normal as some were on holiday schedules. Demand was light to moderately good. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 19-FEB-01

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9	7-9	7.81

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Feb 19, 2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.5	17.6	5.5	10.8	9.6	52.0
	Change	0.6	0.1	-0.2	-1.0	0.2	-1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.9	33.9	11.5	28.6	18.2	115.1
	Change	-3.7	-5.7	3.7	-5.5	0.1	-9%
Large	Curr Wk	38.7	82.0	50.3	54.5	93.6	319.1
	Change	0.2	3.2	9.8	-16.9	9.3	2%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.8	29.1	15.1	21.2	22.1	100.3
	Change	1.6	0.3	0.8	-3.6	1.2	0%
Small	Curr Wk	2.6	9.0	2.6	5.0	4.4	23.6
	Change	-2.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	-2.8	-15%
Misc	Curr Wk	11.7	21.5	4.4	12.5	5.5	55.6
	Change	-1.9	2.2	-1.6	-2.9	0.6	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.0	44.3	26.7	27.9	32.0	153.9
	Change	-0.7	2.5	2.4	3.0	2.7	7%
Total	Curr Wk	120.2	237.4	116.1	160.5	185.4	819.6
Percent	Change	-5%	1%	15%	-14%	6%	0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	819.6	0%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	373.0	2%	39
Total Shell Egg	1,192.6	0%	209

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 05, 2001.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	175	171.9	162.9	111.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING FEBRUARY 05, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	136	136	126	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2001**CURRENT LOADS** 25.25**FUTURE LOADS**

24.50

TOTAL LOADS

49.75

SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG DST
GNR W XL	— 47.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	54.50	56.33	—	—	—	—	5.00	—
GNR W 1	44.50 47.00	46.00	48.00	53.50	—	11.00	GL W J	60.80	—	—	—	—	70.00	1.25	—
GNR W 2	— —	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	59.61	63.14	—	—	—	64.00	4.25	—
GNR W 3	— 47.00	42.00	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	58.90	62.00	—	—	—	64.00	6.75	—
GNR BR 1	— —	59.00	60.50	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.50	—
GL W XL	— 55.50	—	—	53.00	—	6.75	NRBS - 42	31.00	33.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	—
GL W LG	— 57.00	51.00	—	58.00	—	9.75									
GL W MD	— —	—	—	35.00	36.50	6.25									
GL W SM	26.25 28.00	27.00	28.00	—	—	2.00									
NRBS - 48	— —	—	—	—	—	3.00									
NRBS - 39	— —	13.00	15.00	—	—	.25									

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/13/01-02/19/01**CURRENT LOADS** 106.75**FUTURE LOADS**

72.25

TOTAL LOADS

179.00

SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG DST
GNR W XL	— 47.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	54.94	57.74	—	—	—	62.67	36.00	—
GNR W 1	44.17 46.50	44.93	47.31	53.10	—	53.25	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	—
GNR W 2	— —	44.00	45.00	—	—	2.50	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	—
GNR W 3	— 47.00	42.00	—	—	—	1.50	GL W J	60.44	—	—	—	—	70.00	3.25	—
GNR W 4	— 33.50	—	—	31.00	35.00	2.00	GL W XL	59.27	63.78	—	—	—	64.83	7.75	—
GNR BR 1	— —	59.00	60.50	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	58.90	62.35	—	—	69.50	65.10	17.75	—
GL W J	— —	—	—	57.25	—	1.00	GL W MD	46.00	—	—	—	56.50	52.52	8.25	—
GL W XL	— 55.50	50.00	56.21	53.60	—	19.50	GL W SM	26.00	—	—	—	46.50	37.67	.75	—
GL W LG	— 57.56	51.00	53.38	56.88	61.00	33.25	NRBS - 42	31.00	33.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	—
GL W MD	40.00 —	40.50	—	40.55	42.00	16.00									
GL W SM	26.69 28.00	27.50	28.75	—	—	6.00									
GL BR XL	— 72.00	—	—	—	—	.75									
GL BR LG	— 72.00	—	—	—	—	1.75									
NRBS - 50	— —	—	—	—	—	1.00									
NRBS - 48	— —	—	—	39.00	42.25	11.00									
NRBS - 39	— —	20.20	15.00	—	27.00	1.25									
NRBS - 36	— —	—	—	22.25	24.75	2.00									

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 02/04/01 - 02/10/01

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
Colorado	0.00	720.00	3,450.00	4,170.00
Iowa	5,883.00	952.00	19,487.00	26,322.00
Minnesota	0.00	4,709.00	16,570.00	21,279.00
Missouri	0.00	756.00	3,997.00	4,753.00
Nevada	0.00	0.00	450.00	450.00
New Hampshire	0.00	810.00	2,412.00	3,222.00
Ohio	0.00	831.00	3,703.00	4,534.00
Oregon	507.00	1,323.00	0.00	1,830.00
Texas	0.00	0.00	812.00	812.00
Utah	1,635.00	3,635.00	2,546.00	7,816.00
Washington	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
Wisconsin	740.00	0.00	2,310.00	3,050.00
TOTAL	8,765.00	13,736.00	56,337.00	78,838.00
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY 8,765.00 13,736.00 56,337.00 78,838.00

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
132-135	87-90	76-79	60-63	21-24

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
70-73	61-67	59-64	49-54	30-34

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
44-46	34-36	13-15

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
79.57	78.57	75.06	52.12

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	02/12/01	02/05/01	2/14/00
PACIFIC COAST	213	252	134
LOS ANGELES	178	207	0

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 02/04/01-02/10/01

30-dozen cases 4,174

Receipts from the mainland: 01/28/01-02/03/01

30-dozen cases 5,231

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